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It is intended and expected to make it not only readable and interesting to the general reader, but of special value to citizens of the county and of real importance to every resident of Bloomfield, Montclair and Caldwell.

Nothing will be admitted to its columns that is unworthy of cordial welcome to every family circle.

Settled Clergymen in the county and all public School Teachers in the county will receive the paper gratuitously by sending their address.

It should prove a valuable medium for advertisers. Our weekly circulation extends to every part of Essex county, and considerably elsewhere. SUBSCRIPTIONS and ADVERTISEMENTS will be received in Montclair, by E. Madison; in Caldwell, by M. Harrison; in Verona, by W. L. Scott; in Newark, by W. H. Winsor, 445 Broad street, and at our office in Bloomfield, or by mail to Wm. P. Lyon, Editor and Proprietor, Bloomfield, N. J.

TO SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers who have not paid their subscriptions for the present year will confer a favor by enclosing the same to Wm. P. Lyon, Bloomfield. The \$3.00 subscriptions received for the second volume expired on the 14th of Feb. Their renewal requires \$1.75 to be paid, which will run to the end of the present volume in December next.

Any subscriber is entitled to have an extra copy sent to any address, by the payment of \$1.00. We hope many will avail themselves of this offer. Our CALDWELL readers will be gratified with the increased interest for their village which our columns indicate. We hope to receive a large accession to our subscription list there and also in VERONA. The Post masters have consented to take the names and money and forward them to us. We hope our friends everywhere will rally to our support and encouragement by prompt payment.

TOWN MATTERS.—MONTCLAIR

An unusual agitation is manifest in our village at the annual town election approaches. The prospect is that there will be two tickets at least and possibly a good deal of scratching on election day.

The croakers and fault-finders are at their bootless task of endeavoring to sour the minds of voters against those fellow-citizens who have served the town in office. Taxes have been pretty heavy—road expenses have been heavy. But these burdens have been occasioned by laws which our town officers have had no hand in making, or in consequence of appropriations which the people themselves voted. Fault has been found with the Town Committee. Perhaps they have not been as wise as they should have been; but they have learned by experience, and we shall probably find, if we displace them and put in a new committee, that it will take new officers one term to learn how best to do their duties. We should undoubtedly have our best men, if we can get them to serve in office; and they should be kept in office long enough to give us all the advantage of their experience.

Party politics no need to have anything to do with our local affairs, and it should not. Let it be ignored entirely by nominating committees, and by voters, and then by officers elected. The respective political parties may desire to keep up their distinctive organizations and it is well that they should. But in considering the merits of men for town officers, their personal characters and their special capacities and fitness are the only questions which deserve any attention. It seems to us that their party affiliations no need to be thought of or named.

And now since there will be several candidates for some one or all of the different offices, we would earnestly advise each voter to weigh well his matter of qualification and character and choose the very best man he finds among the candidates and vote for him and ask others to do the same.

The "Citizens" ticket has some good names on it, and we understand that the Republican caucus, which was to be held on Friday evening, was determined to put forth none but the best men—men known and respected for their wisdom, probity, knowledge of town matters and capacity for attending to them—men who realize the importance of curtailing expenses and keeping the taxes down to the lowest possible point. If they carried out this purpose then it may be that their ticket will satisfy the views and desires of our citizens generally. In this case it will be best to concentrate our votes upon that ticket and elect by a large vote of wiser and earnest confidence.

An interesting letter from our Foreign Correspondent at Rome reached us just too late for this issue. It will appear in our next.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.
AT BLOOMFIELD MARCH 31 TO APRIL 3.

Opened at 10 A. M. Tuesday with preliminary exercises and address of the County Superintendent Davis.

He made reference to the subjects which would be discussed during the session. He deprecated the deficiency of teachers, which is found to be greater and more general in orthography and reading especially than in any other branches. He discussed very appropriately upon the character of the teacher's profession and compared the past poor qualifications of public school teachers with the present advanced competency of teachers generally. The same may also be said of the improvement in the boards of trustees.

He referred to the remunerative value of the teacher's vocation as comparing favorably with others. He also referred to the proper qualifications of teachers, of course very briefly though comprehensively. Knowledge is the first requisite—knowledge of himself and of his pupil. Second, love of children is indispensable. Third, discipline is important.

In conclusion the county superintendent made a touching allusion to the late Miss Brown of Montclair whose death had affected the whole fraternity in this country.

This was followed by an address of Mr. Geo. B. Sears, superintendent of schools in Newark, on "Objective Teaching." The distinction between object teaching and objective teaching was alluded to, but the nature of object teaching which was amplified and illustrated very fully, formed the burden of the address. He thought this method of teaching may be applied to all subjects of instruction and all departments of knowledge. He showed that the understanding of even abstract and sentimental subjects may be greatly facilitated by applying this method of teaching by material objects. He thinks the greatest value of this method will be found when it leads to objective teaching.

Miscellaneous Business followed, in which Mr. Barringer of Newark, made some very plain, but excellent remarks in endorsement of Mr. Davis' allusion to the complaining spirit sometimes indulged by teachers that they are not sufficiently appreciated nor their profession rightly estimated by the community.

In the afternoon the State superintendent of schools occupied most of the time in a very interesting and useful lecture on Mathematical Geography—illustrated by apparatus and impromptu drawings.

In the evening a large audience listened to an extemporaneous lecture on "Education in Germany," by Rev. Dr. G. C. Selbst, Professor in the German Theological Institute at Bloomfield. The Professor was perfectly at home and *au fait* in his subject and succeeded in delighting and informing his audience.

The exercises on Wednesday were first, differences between Solar, Stellar, Lunar and clock time by Superintendent Apgar, who completely removed all obscurity and difficulty from a proper understanding of this rather intricate subject. Second, an Address by Wm. P. Lyon on "The Underlying Principles in Education," which was well received. Third, A practical Lecture on "Vocal Gymnastics" by Miss Laura A. Vail, whose superior in her chosen profession, we have never seen. She is certainly our beau ideal of a lecturer.

The County Superintendent had charge and control of this Institute, in which his experience, tact and efficiency rendered it pleasing as well as profitable to the teachers, and highly creditable to himself. By the way, we have never, we think, seen a finer gathering of teachers than were here assembled. Essex County has reason to be proud of them.

We hope to give further report of this important occasion next week.

THE WONDERFUL WEST.

Through the kind thoughtfulness of our most appreciative Bloomfield-Montclair readers we are favored with several copies of newspapers published in different towns in Iowa and Minnesota, which are regular yesterdays to him.

The Gazette of Hastings, Minn., is a splendid weekly journal full of original local and well selected reading.

The GRANGE ADVANCE, of Red Wing, Minn., is an eight page weekly journal completely filled with most interesting local intelligence of this thrifty town, including a detailed enumeration of its various businesses with a brief history of each establishment, and desirable and useful information of the county and the State.

The SKY-WEEKLY REGISTER, of Marion Linn Co. Iowa, is another live journal, attractive, interesting and readable.

We wish our people could be familiar with these indicators of the growth, spirit and drift of the youthful towns of the Wonderful West leaving us so far in the background?

ELECTION.—The State Election in Rhode Island on Wednesday, resulted in a Republican triumph as usual, Henry Howard being re-elected Governor. This Legislature will have the election of a U. S. Senator in place of Senator Sprague.

BELLEVILLE CITY.—Our ambitious neighbor, Belleville, has suddenly aroused herself from the somnolence that gave her, in some quarters, the sobriquet of "sleepy." She has obtained City Charter from the Legislature and will hereafter be entitled to the grave matronly prefix of "Mrs." we suppose. May her posterity be as numerous as the stars in the firmament!

ORGANIC.—The Spring Opening at the Newark Dry Goods Store this week offers great attractions to buyers. Our advertisements include the principal and best dealers in drygoods and fancy goods of all descriptions that are to be found in the State. The names and merits of these establishments are not unknown to our readers as follows:

Cawley & Biss, 721 Broad-st.
Marvin Dodd & Co., 639 Broad-st.
E. Elverson & Co., Cor. Broad and Broad Fox & Plaut, 688 Broad-st.
A. Grani Jr. & Co., 491 Broad-st.
Higgins & Freeman, 499 Broad-st.
Jno. M. Langlin, 679 Broad-st.
T. McManus, 165 Market-st.

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HOME MATTERS.

BLOOMFIELD.

WEATHER CHRONICLE.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre.
March. April.
At 7 A. M. 32° 35° 32° 33° 36° 35° 30°
At Noon 41° 42° 38° 51° 31° 32° 37°
At 6 P. M. 36° 39° 33° 46° 34° 31° 35°
W. R. PETKES

TOWN COUNCIL.—At the meeting of the Town Committee, on the 27th of March, but little of moment was done.

A claim of School Trustees of District No. 7 for \$1492.57 was referred for examination, and a bill of — Moreland for \$200, ordered to be paid.

A new schedule of lighting street lamps is in contemplation, till which time the Gas Company is to have discretionary power as to the lighting on moonlight nights, on condition that they for any diminution of time on those nights extend the time on dark nights.

There were some inaccuracies in our report of the previous meeting of the Council, whether from our haste in copying from the Clerk's book or carelessness of the printer, we do not know. The Standing Committee on Public Grounds is Thomas Oaks and John Sherman; and that on Contingencies is Thomas Oaks, W. Richards and J. B. Reford. Neither Town Clerk nor Overseer of Poor entered into bonds, as they are not required by law to do so.

The Commissioners of Appeals should have been stated as Reuben N. Dodd, Jas. C. Beach, Lewis Cockefair.

EASTER SERVICES IN CHRIST CHURCH
10 1/2 A. M. and 7 P. M. Easter Celebration
of the Sunday Schools on Easter Tuesday.

Easter Music for Christ Church:

Easter Anthem, - Chappelle.
Gloria Patri, - Williams.
Gloria in Excelsis - Williams.
Te Deum, - Jackson.
Jubilate, - Dr. Clarke.
Sixty-ninth Hymn, - Mozart.

SCHOOL MEETING.—It is hoped that

Bloomfield citizens will not forget nor neglect the School Meeting for Monday evening next. There is to be an election of five trustees in place of the present board whose term of service expires. The present trustees are C. Peloubet, Rev. A. C. Frissell, E. W. Page, John Sherman and W. S. Baldwin (deceased).

There is no more important election ever held in the town; no more important duty devolving upon citizens than that of electing an intelligent, interested, liberal-minded and efficient board of Trustees to preside over the affairs of the schools, where the minds and characters of our children are to be developed, molded and trained. Our school has undoubtedly made considerable progress and holds an advanced position. But those of us who understand this best, know that there is much room still for improvement, and why should we not have it? This is largely in the hands of the trustees by whom the teachers, and the class books, and the course, and hours, and methods of study are appointed.

Ought not the trustees then, as far as possible, to be experienced EDUCATORS themselves?

The Quarterly Meeting of the Missionary Society of the Sunday Schools connected with the First Presbyterian Church, was held on Sunday evening. The singing was splendid and the services very interesting. Letters lately received here, read by Mr. L. B. Barrett, and short addressed by Messrs. Phoenix W. Lyon, W. W. Hyman, John T. Seymour and Jubilate.

The Fair of the First Presbyterian Church, last week, was a very pleasant entertainment and financially a decided success, netting over \$600 to the cause.

Treasurer's Report of the Ladies' Relief Society, for the week ending March 31st 1873. Received Baptist Church Collection, \$17.75; Disbursements, \$12.95
Mis. A. L. Ward, Treas.

MONTCLAIR.

A meeting of citizens to nominate Town officers was held on Wednesday evening, April 1st. Mr. C. A. Hopkins in the chair, and C. A. Dickinson, Secretary.

The Committee appointed at a recent meeting to nominate officers, reported a series of resolutions as a platform of principles which were substantially adopted.

These were in favor of equal taxation, giving the owner of real estate the right of appeal from the action of Road Commissioners: calling for the judicious use of power to bind the town for road improvements &c.; and declaring the repeal of the entire Road Improvement Act desirable.

On Monday evening the horses attached to Mr. Thos. Porter's carriage became unmanageable at the school house and ran down the old road to Mr. P. Doremus' corner where they collided with a post, breaking the springs but otherwise not doing any damage.

The Montclair Midland Railroad has its tribulations, mutations, oscillations, and we believe sometimes, expectations. Its present attitude is that of rest. On Monday p.m. under a new injunction for a small sum claimed by Messrs. J. H. Pratt and H. C. Spaulding, the cars needlessly ceased to run and retired from business much to the inconvenience of the public. The road had been advertised for some time, to be sold at auction this day.

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